GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2229
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LAW TO CHECK ATROCITIES AGAINST SC/ ST AND MINORITIES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to enact a special law to check atrocities against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and for redressal of their complaints as reported in the `Hindustan`dated January 12,2005;

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time by which the said law is likely to be enacted;

(c) whether the Government is also contemplating to enact any law to check atrocities against minorities in the country and for early redressal of their complaints;

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT.SuBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) & (b) The Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 as a special law is already in existence and Rule 7 of the Rules notified under the Act also provides that the investigating officer has to complete the investigation on top priority within thirty days.

(c) & (d) A drafting Committee has been constituted in the Ministry of Law & Justice to prepare a model comprehensive legislation to contain communal violence and to promote confidence and sense of safety in the minds of minorities.